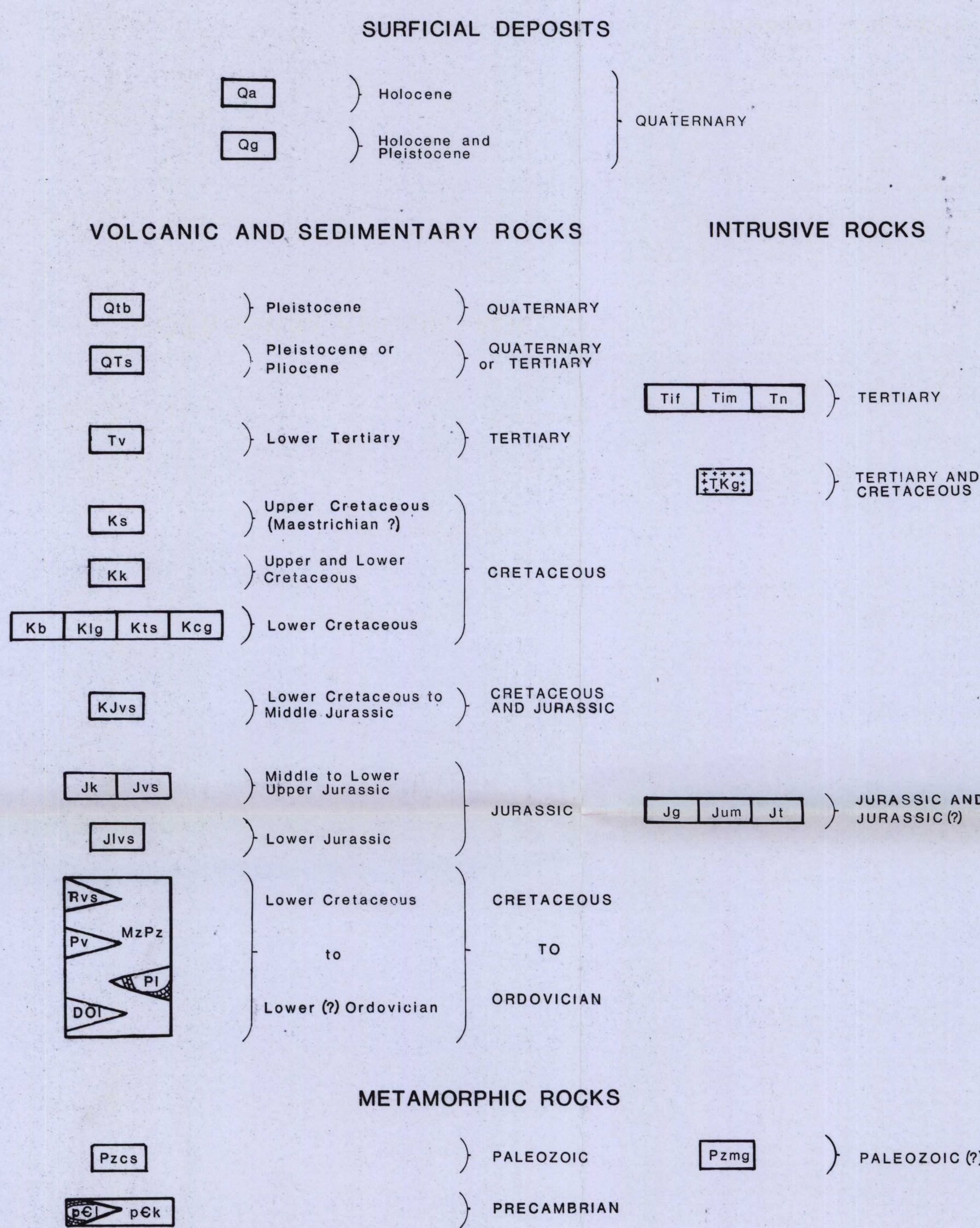


CORRELATION OF MAP UNITS



POTASSIUM-ARGON AGE DETERMINATIONS

Table 1.--Potassium-argon ages, Goodnews and Hagemeister Island quadrangles region, southwestern Alaska

[Argon measurements were made by J. G. Smith and F. H. Wilson using standard isotope dilution techniques. Potassium measurements by J. H. Christie, Marcelino Cramer, and F. H. Wilson were done by flame photometry using a lithium internal standard. Ages were calculated using 1976 constants as follows: λ_{K-Ar} decay constants = $0.572 \times 10^{-10} \text{ yr}^{-1}$, λ_{K-Ca} = $8.78 \times 10^{-11} \text{ yr}^{-1}$, λ_{K-40} = $5.41 \times 10^{-11} \text{ yr}^{-1}$, abundance ratio = $K^{40}/K^{39} = 0.0117 \times 10^{-3} \text{ mol/mol}$.]

Map symbol (field number)	Location (quadrangle, latitude and longitude)	Age in million years plus or minus analytical uncertainty	Material dated	Rock type (unit and form)	Percent K ₂ O (average)	⁴⁰ Ar (mols/gm $\times 10^{-10}$)	⁴⁰ Ar (percent)	Dated by	Name References
A (74AHR 77)	Goodnews B-3 59°17'51"N, 159°58'10"W	0.778±0.2	Whole rock	Basalt (Dob-flow)	1.097	1.23	44	J. G. Smith	Basalt of Togiak River Valley
B (74AHR 26)	Hagemeister Island D-1 59°57'00"N, 160°00'35"W	13.0±0.5	Biotite	Biotite felsite (Tif-sill)	8.45	1.590	77	---do---	Nunavachuk Hills Wilson, 1977, #35
C (GC4 1300)	Goodnews C-4 59°27'05"N, 160°08'30"W	60.7±1.8	Hornblende	Hornblende granite (Tn-intrusive-extrusive complex)	.871	.774	67	F. H. Wilson	Nayurrun Wilson and Smith, 1976; Wilson, 1977, #2
D (74ACD 140)	Nushagak Bay 58°51'06"N, 159°58'40"W	64.6±2	Biotite	Biotite diabase (Tif-dike)	7.635	7.215	79	J. G. Smith	
E (GB1 3156)	Goodnews B-1 59°27'05"N, 159°10'35"W	69.5±2.1 65.2±2.0	Hornblende	Quartz diorite (Tg-stock)	6.82 .4115	6.953 .3823	88 39	F. H. Wilson	Zone Creek Wilson and Smith, 1976; Wilson, 1977, #11
F (74B 57)	Goodnews C-1 59°27'35"N, 159°50'00"W	69.6±2.1 63.4±2.9	Biotite	Granodiorite (Tg-stock)	8.765 .639	8.953 .5939	88 27	J. G. Smith	Akuluktuk Wilson and Smith, 1976; Wilson, 1977, #5
G (G01 3154)	Goodnews D-1 59°27'45"N, 160°08'30"W	62.5±1.9 59.2±1.5	Hornblende	Granodiorite (Tg-stock)	8.135 .5065	7.445 .4842	89 43	F. H. Wilson	Mc. Maskey Wilson and Smith, 1976; Wilson, 1977, #9
H (GAS 1310)	Goodnews A-5 59°10'17"N, 160°38'55"W	67.4±2.0	Biotite	Tonalite (Tg-stock)	8.285	8.180	81	---do---	Suluktuk Wilson and Smith, 1976; Wilson, 1977, #13
I (G05 1771)	Goodnews D-5 59°27'35"N, 160°08'30"W	68.7±3	Hornblende	Hornblende diorite (Tg-stock)	.6495	.6546	51	---do---	Sam Creek
J (74AHR 118)	Goodnews C-2 59°27'35"N, 159°40'20"W	63.7±2.0 59.5±3	Biotite	Quartz monzonite (Tg-stock)	9.275 .575	8.647 .5865	80 66	J. G. Smith	Togiak Lake Wilson and Smith, 1976; Wilson, 1977, #6
K (73AHR 1)	Goodnews D-3 59°25'05"N, 159°54'55"W	71.1±2.1	Biotite	Quartz monzonite (Tg-stock)	9.32	9.713	92	---do---	Mc. Oratia Wilson and Smith, 1976; Wilson, 1977, #8
L (GB7 1479A)	Goodnews B-7 59°27'45"N, 161°19'30"W	71.3±2.7	Biotite	Quartz diorite (Tg-stock)	9.045	9.459	87	F. H. Wilson	Mattamuske Wilson and Smith, 1976; Wilson, 1977, #12
M (74AHR 51)	Nushagak Bay D-3 59°23'45"N, 159°28'52"W	71.9±2	Biotite	Pyroxene monzonite (Tg-stock)	9.405	9.925	92	J. G. Smith	Kulukuk Wilson, 1977, #23
N (G01 1381)	Goodnews C-1 59°27'35"N, 159°20'35"W	72.5±2.2	Biotite	Tonalite (Tg-stock)	7.88	8.389	80	F. H. Wilson	Sunday Creek Wilson and Smith, 1976; Wilson, 1977, #7
O (GAT 1450)	Goodnews A-7 59°01'17"N, 161°51'25"W	162.4±4.9	Amphibole	Diorite (Jg-stock)	1.174	2.871	92	---do---	Crater Hill Wilson and Smith, 1976; Wilson, 1977, #28
P (74AHR 112)	Hagemeister Island D-3 59°27'45"N, 160°08'30"W	159.3±3.5 (minimum age)	Hornblende	Gabbro (Jg-stock)	0.7705	1.847	72	---do---	Matagok Wilson, 1977, #31
Q (74AHR 111)	Hagemeister Island D-4 59°27'45"N, 161°01'00"W	186.9±6	Hornblende	Gabbro (Jg-stock)	1.11	3.071	92	J. G. Smith	Downdraft Mountain Wilson, 1977, #32
R (H06 2222A)	Hagemeister Island D-6 58°54'46"N, 161°46'20"W	176.4±5.3	Amphibole	Amphibolite (Jum-Red Mtn. contact zone)	.230	.6137	41	F. H. Wilson	
S (H06 1453E)	Hagemeister Island D-6 58°55'06"N, 161°46'28"W	186.9±5.6	Amphibole	-----do-----	.5205	1.475	79	---do---	

DESCRIPTION OF MAP UNITS

SURFICIAL DEPOSITS

- Qa** ALLUVIAL DEPOSITS--Includes flood-plain alluvium, beach and estuarine deposits, and dunes. Flood-plain alluvium consists of sand, gravel, and boulders intertonguing with mud and overlain by silt near the seacoast. Beach deposits, chiefly sand and small pebbles, include boulders near sea cliffs. Estuarine deposits are clay-rich silt deposited by tidal currents in lower reaches of sloughs and rivers. Dune deposits of fine-grained sand fringe landward sides of sandy beaches.
- Qg** GLACIAL DEPOSITS--Glacial drift deposited during at least three glacial advances. Includes end, lateral, and ground moraines and fluvioglacial deposits. Locally includes colluvium, talus, landslide debris, alluvium on minor streams, and extensive deposits of silt in the northwestern part of the mapped area. Consists of sand, gravel, and boulders intertonguing with and overlain by silt near the seacoast. Muller (1953, p. 3) notes evidence of at least three major glaciations in the "eastern Kilbuck Mountains." (The mountains referred to by Muller are the Mud River Mountains at the east edge of the area included in this report.) Apparent positions of many prominent moraines are shown on the earlier maps by Hoare and Conrad (1959a, 1961a, 1961b). Porter (1967) identifies and describes the glacial deposits in the Chayvan Bay-Goodnews Bay area. Chiefly Wisconsinan age, but includes post-Wisconsinan deposits in upper parts of some valleys and may include older pre-Wisconsinan drift in places near the seacoast.

VOLCANIC AND SEDIMENTARY ROCKS

- Qtb** BASALT OF TOGIK RIVER VALLEY--Fine- and medium-grained, columnar-jointed basalt and alkali-olivine basalt flows on the broad floor of Togiak Valley, and rocks forming a tuya (Hoare and Conrad, 1978) near Togiak village are grouped together as basalt of Togiak River valley. Flows generally have dyke-tuffaceous texture and contain vesicle cylinders (Goff, 1976). Average thickness probably less than 20 m near the seacoast but about 100 m north of Punukpuk River. K/Ar age of one flow is 0.778 ± 0.2 m.y. (Table 1, locality A). Tuya consists of 30 to 50 m of glassy subaerial flows overlying palagonitized basaltic glass (siltstone) and subaqueous pillow basalts.
- Qts** SEMI-CONSOLIDATED MARINE BEACH DEPOSITS--Poorly bedded, soft, pebbly siltstones cap volcanic rock sea cliffs east side Hagemeister Island. Probably uplifted beach deposits, now 15 to 20 m above sea level. Contains shallow marine fossils of probable Pliocene-Pleistocene age (W. O. Addicott, written commun., 1975). Thickness 15 to 30 m.
- Tv** VOLCANIC ROCKS AND VOLCANIC DEPOSITS--Mostly andesitic and trachytic tuffs, breccias, and flows. Includes lesser amounts of basaltic andesite and diabase and fine- to medium-grained volcaniclastic sediments. Crops out on Hagemeister Island, the Kilbuck Islands, the mainland coast nearby, and the northwest of Great Ridge. Mostly gently dipping except on High Island where beds are near vertical and on the east side of Hagemeister Island where the rocks are folded. If not duplicated by folds or faults, the rocks exposed on High Island are about 2,500 m thick. They are much thinner on the nearby mainland and are locally only a few meters thick. Tertiary age inferred because the volcanic rocks overlie the sedimentary rocks of Summit Island (Ks) of Late Jurassic age. In places the graywacke of Kulukuk Bay (Kk) of Jurassic age is thrust on top of this volcanic unit.
- Ks** SEDIMENTARY ROCKS OF SUMMIT ISLAND--A sequence of intertonguing nonmarine conglomerate, sandstone, shale, and carbonaceous mudstone containing abundant plant detritus and a few coal seams forms the north end of Summit Island and underlies most of the south end where it is capped by volcanic rocks (Tv). Similar rocks crop out on Hagemeister Island and on the mainland northeast of Summit Island where they extend inland up the valley of the Ungalikluk River. The sequence is overlain by younger volcanic rocks (Tv) at several places and is generally faulted against older rocks. The thickest known section is on the north end of Summit Island where about 250 m of pebble-cobble conglomerate is overlain by about 550 m of sandstone, siltstone, and carbonaceous mudstone and lesser amounts of conglomerate. However, the base of the section is truncated by a reverse fault, and the top is covered by water north of the island. On Hagemeister Island and on the mainland, the sequence includes a thick section of soft black shales which probably overlie the section on Summit Island. Conglomerate clasts consist of well-sorted, rounded to subangular volcanic rocks, mainly quartz, white quartz, and a few plutonic clasts. Polymorphous found in carbonaceous mudstones on the Ungalikluk River (sec. 15 S., 8 E., 66 W.). Indicate a Late Cretaceous (Maestrichtian) age (R. H. Tschudy, written commun., 1975; Hoare and others, 1975, p. 7-8).
- Kk** KUSKOKWIM GROUP (Cady and others, 1955, p. 35-47)--A thick dominantly marine sedimentary unit consisting of graywacke, sandstone, conglomerate, siltstone, and shale forms Great Ridge flanks the northwest and southeast sides of the Ek Mountains. It also crops out in small erosion windows, two of which are on the north end of R. 70 W. and a third in T. 6 S., R. 66 W. In the first two windows, micaceous shales and siltstones are gently southward and are overlain by volcanic rocks of upper Paleozoic age (H06). Graded bedding shows the shales are overturned. In the third window, micaceous shales and conglomerate containing gneiss clasts are exposed. The stratigraphic sequence is conglomerate, overlain by micaceous shales and siltstones which are overlain by a thick section of interbedded graywacke, siltstone, and shale. The conglomerate has a maximum thickness of about 1,500 m on the north flank of the Ek Mountains (T. 1 S., R. 64 W.). From this area it grades laterally into and intertongues southward with micaceous shales and siltstones of interbedded graywacke, shale, and minor conglomerate which forms the southeast flank of the Ek Mountains and the high rounded hills on either side of the upper Kuskokwim River. The conglomerate is characterized by well-sorted clasts of gneissic rocks and some rounded clasts of the Kanotok River region (Kk). The fine-grained rocks contain detrital mica from similar source rocks.
- Jvs** An upper Early Cretaceous (Albian) age is inferred for the conglomerate on the basis of stratigraphic position and fossils found north of the map area (Hoare and Conrad, 1959a, and unpublished field notes).
- Jg** Great Ridge is formed by a thick, moderately folded section of interbedded graywacke, siltstone, shale, and minor pebble conglomerate containing fossils of Late Cretaceous (Cenomanian and Turonian) age (D. L. Jones, written commun., 1975). It forms Bucha Ridge and, near Ek River the section contains abundant plant material, one or two thin coal beds, and impure pebbly limestone containing fossil gastropods. These rocks may be nonmarine. The rocks on Great Ridge contain relatively little detrital mica, and the conglomerate beds are composed chiefly of round white quartz pebbles.
- Jt** Structural complexity, abrupt facies changes, and widespread surficial deposits preclude accurate thickness estimates, but the entire unit is probably at least 4,000 m thick and may be much thicker.
- Kb** GRAYWACKE OF BUCHA RIDGE--A thick unit of marine sedimentary rocks of Early Cretaceous age underlies a triangular area defined by three south-dipping reverse faults in the southeast quarter of the Goodnews quadrangle (Hoare and others, 1975, p. 3-4). It forms Bucha Ridge and underlies the Kulukuk Valley east of the ridge. Bucha Ridge consists of 1,500 to 2,000 m of east-dipping interbedded calcareous graywacke, siltstone, and conglomerate. Conglomerate becomes coarser and more abundant upward, and near the top of the ridge it contains local Bucha shell corals as thick as 1.2 m. Conglomerate clasts are well rounded. They are chiefly fragments of hard, fine-grained sedimentary rocks, tuffs, porphyritic volcanic rocks, and some white quartz. Most of the clasts are derived from nearby rocks of Jurassic and Early Cretaceous ages (Ks, Kk, Jvs, and Jg). The unit consists of a thick section of soft black shales which probably overlie the section on Summit Island. Conglomerate clasts consist of well-sorted, rounded to subangular volcanic rocks, mainly quartz, white quartz, and a few plutonic clasts. Polymorphous found in carbonaceous mudstones on the Ungalikluk River (sec. 15 S., 8 E., 66 W.). Indicate a Late Cretaceous (Maestrichtian) age (R. H. Tschudy, written commun., 1975; Hoare and others, 1975, p. 7-8).
- Klg** LIMY GRIT AND LIMESTONE--A thin, highly restricted unit coeval with the conglomeratic rocks in the graywacke Bucha Ridge (Kb) constitutes five isolated exposures that are aligned northeastward 2 to 5 km west of Bucha Ridge (Hoare and others, 1975, map and fig. 4-5). The unit consists chiefly of small, green, fine-grained angular rock fragments and minor sandstone and pebble conglomerate of bioclastic limestone consisting of thin shell fragments. Rock fragments are chiefly quartz-chlorite, sericite schist. Some beds are mostly limestone, others mostly lithic clasts. The metamorphic clasts are derived from parts of the adjacent and underlying volcanic and sedimentary rocks (Kvs), which are locally tectonically metamorphosed along faults. Contains Bucha of Early Cretaceous (Valanginian) age (Hoare and others, 1975). Measured thickness at one locality, 175 m. Overlain by about 140 m of thick-bedded, noncalcareous graywacke which also contains schist clasts.

METAMORPHIC ROCKS

- Pzmg** METAGABBRO AND GREENSTONE--Massive, fine- to coarse-grained, locally pegmatitic, greenish rocks constitute Chayvan Mountain and underlie most of Cape Newenham. Probably dismembered altered ophiolite complex consisting of mafic flows, dikes, volcaniclastic rocks, and gabbro. Serpentinized masses occur in sheared rock along faults. Primary minerals largely replaced by clinzoisite, amphiboles, calcite, chlorite, pumpellyite, prehnite, calcite, epidote, sphene, and grossular garnet. The secondary minerals indicate greenschist facies metamorphism and calcium metasomatism. The Paleozoic(?) age assignment is tentative because similar less altered rocks of both Paleozoic and Mesozoic ages are present to the north and northeast in the undivided Mesozoic and Paleozoic rocks (H06).
- Pzcs** CALCAREOUS SCHISTS--Schistose calcareous siltstone, limestone, and greenish tuffaceous rocks. Exposed on Cape Newenham, west side of Cape Pierce, and in the Arctic River basin southeast of Figure Four Mountain. Age assumed to be Permian or older. Thickness unknown.
- Pck** METAMORPHIC ROCKS OF KANOKTOK RIVER REGION--A northeast-trending belt of gneiss and schist in the Kanoktok River region in the northwestern part of the map consists of sedimentary, volcanic, and plutonic rocks metamorphosed in upper greenschist and lower amphibolite facies. Includes medium- to coarse-grained, massive, and well-foliated biotite-hornblende gneisses, garnetiferous amphibolites, quartz-mica schists, and marble. Precambrian age based upon characteristic of the rocks and numerous K/Ar age determinations made on biotite and hornblende separates, some of which have indicated ages as old as about 2,500 m.y. (D. L. Turner, written commun., 1977).
- Pcl** MARLEIZED LIMESTONE--White, gray, and brownish, locally garnetiferous marbled limestones have been locally differentiated within the metamorphic rock sequence. Generally associated with quartzose schists containing muscovite, chlorite, and amphibole.

INTRUSIVE ROCKS

- Tif** FELSIC INTRUSIVE ROCKS--Light-colored, fine-grained, commonly porphyritic rocks consisting largely of quartz and feldspar and minor mafic minerals. Chiefly rhyolitic to dacitic dikes and sills generally less than 10 m thick. Only a few shown on the geologic map. In the horizontal or gently dipping sedimentary rocks of Summit Island (Ks), these rocks form three or more sheetlike intrusive masses, the largest of which underlies an area of 8 km² and is 50-100 m thick. A feeder dike and the flat floor of this body are exposed in the sea cliffs (sec. 19, T. 1 S., R. 64 W.). The K/Ar age of biotite from a nearby body is 13 ± 0.5 m.y. (Table 1, locality B).
- Tim** MAFIC INTRUSIVE ROCKS--Dark-colored dikes and sills, generally less than 10 m thick, consisting of diabase, basalt, diorite, and gabbroic rocks. Very common in the sedimentary rocks of Summit Island (Ks) and locally numerous in the Kvs volcanic and sedimentary rocks. Only a few shown on geologic map. A relatively large (12 km²) body of biotite diorite on the south end of Bucha Ridge (sec. 25, T. 12 S., R. 63 W.) is probably tabular shaped because it appears to overlie the sedimentary rocks and there is little or no thermal metamorphism. Age based on intrusive relations and K/Ar age, 65 ± 2 m.y. of biotite from biotite-diabase dike (Table 1, locality D).
- Tn** IGNEOUS ROCKS OF MAYORUN RIVER AREA--Intrusive-extrusive complex consisting of dikes, sills, and genetically related tuffs and breccias. Chiefly fine-grained, quartz-rich porphyritic rocks. K/Ar age of biotite from small pluton(?) near center of complex, 60.7 ± 1.8 m.y. (Table 1, locality C).
- Jvs** GRANITIC ROCKS--Fine-, medium- and coarse-grained, light- to dark-gray, rarely pink plutonic rocks; chiefly quartz monzonite, granodiorite, and quartz diorite constituting stocks. K/Ar ages of biotite and hornblende from stocks range from 62.5 to 72.5 m.y. (Table 1, localities E through N).
- Jg** GABBROIC ROCKS--Medium- to coarse-grained, locally pegmatitic intrusive rocks constituting two or more intrusive bodies and numerous probable tectonic blocks in fault zones. Jurassic(?) age suggested by association with gabbroic rocks (Jvs) of Jurassic age and K/Ar age determinations of 176.4 and 186.9 m.y. on amphiboles from intrusive contact zone adjacent to the ultramafic body forming Red Mountain (Table 1, localities R and S).
- Jt** ULTRAMAFIC ROCKS--Serpentinized, serpentinized dunite and wehrlite. Constitute two or more intrusive bodies and numerous probable tectonic blocks in fault zones. Jurassic(?) age suggested by association with gabbroic rocks (Jvs) of Jurassic age and K/Ar age determinations of 176.4 and 186.9 m.y. on amphiboles from intrusive contact zone adjacent to the ultramafic body forming Red Mountain (Table 1, localities R and S).
- Jt** TRONCHJEMITE--Light-gray, medium-grained intrusive rock consisting of abundant quartz, plagioclase, and minor chlorite. Forms Tokmarik Mountain on Cape Newenham, crops out north side Mitak Valley (sec. 2, T. 9 S., R. 73 W.) and constitutes many large boulders underlain by serpentine (sec. 18, T. 4 S., R. 66 W.). Jurassic(?) age inferred from association with ultramafic rocks (Jum) and gabbroic rocks (Jg).

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